

GRESHAM CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: REPORT



Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report

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Service Area: Office of Neighborhood
and Community Engagement (ONCE)

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PUBLIC PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY OUTCOME

The Youth Advisory Committee provides an avenue for the City to gain a better understanding of issues relating to youth in our community and to provide a venue for youth to give their perspective on city issues to enhance overall community and citizen involvement.

BACKGROUND

The Committee was formed in January, 2010 and is comprised of 16 students from all area high schools. The Committee advises the Gresham Council on issues that affect youth in the community. The Council Liaison is Mayor Bemis.

This annual report covers the period from May, 2013 through June, 2014 and outlines the work performed by the Committee, as it relates to its duties and responsibilities.

REPORT SUMMARY

Committee Activities for 2013/14 include:

1. Working with TriMet, Metro, and City of Gresham Planning staff to provide input on the Division-Powell Corridor Planning effort
2. Working with City of Gresham Urban Design and Planning staff and Portland State University students to give input on the Opportunity Mapping project
3. Providing input and guidance on effective communication methods for youth as part of the Community Horizons and Technology (CHAT) Council Work plan Project
4. Working with City Staff to organize an attempt at breaking a Guinness Book record as part of a larger service project

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Youth Advisory Committee will organize a Gang Prevention Workshop in 2014/15 to engage parents and other members of the community. Members regularly seek input from their peers at school on issues they are working on.

The Committee will conduct a service project and organize an attempt to break a Guinness Book record. Currently a subcommittee has been created to organize and plan the event. It will likely take place in the fall and include a food drive or coat drive component.

NEXT STEPS

The Committee will continue to meet on a monthly basis to advise Council on issues related to youth and those concerns City Council may bring directly to the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

FROM:

Adela Boanca, Committee Chair
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